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In re Patent Application: Ron Wortley et al. Serial No.: 10/814,318 Filed: March 31, 2004 For: FLEXIBLE CONNECTION CATHETER TUNNELER AND METHODS FOR USING THE SAME	Confirmation No. 5172 Group Art Unit: 3734 Examiner: Bachman, Lindsey M.
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In response to the final Office Action dated August 10, 2007, and along with the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks. Filed herewith is a Petition for a 3rd month extension of time since Applicant previously extended the period of response for two months.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.